

# Christians face temptations in overseas jobs

By Art Toalston

EL PASO, Texas (BP) — In some overseas countries, Americans from lower middle-income brackets "live like kings with chauffeur-driven cars, large homes and maids."

That's a problem, as Chuck Anderson sees it, if they're professing Christians.

The percentage of Christians who go overseas on job assignments and who also continue in their Christian lifestyle is disturbingly low, says Anderson of El Paso, Texas.

With three young sons, Anderson and his wife, Mary, headed to the Netherlands Antilles near Venezuela nearly 15 years ago. He was to be the quality control manager, supervising about 100 workers, at an electronics instruments plant on one of the islands.

"We were picked up at the air-

port by some company personnel and deposited in a resort hotel . . . and kind of abandoned," Anderson says, noting he and his family needed "some input from a Christian perspective" in adjusting to life in a foreign country.

Even though he had seminary training, "my first inclination on being overseas and having an income and a management position several rungs higher than I would have had in the States, was to let down in my Christian life somewhat."

Several characteristics of an overseas work assignment could tend to push a person in that direction, Anderson says. First, an overseas assignment usually entails salary bonuses, yet living costs are lower in most areas, especially with favorable exchange rates for the U.S. dollar. Thus there's "the opportunity to move up several levels from the standpoint

of luxury in living."

Instead of "taking advantage of what could have been an opportunity to minister with an increased income," many churchgoers "spend it all on themselves," he says.

Then, the overseas job often requires at least six days of work each week and "a lot of people feel like, 'Sunday is the only day I have off and . . . I don't want to spend half the day in church,'" Anderson says. "They're under so much pressure at work that they want that day to relax."

Although Anderson succumbed briefly to the temptation, before long, he and his wife began English-language Bible classes in their home. He taught adults and his wife taught children. He also distributed Bibles and helped persuade the U.S. Gideons organization to print 10,000 copies of the

New Testament in Papiamento, the dialect on the island where we worked.

Anderson since has held management positions in factories in El Salvador twice and Mexico once. Each time, his family also relocated. It was in El Salvador where the couple first encountered Southern Baptist missions, through the literature work of Bill and Libby Stennett.

Today the Andersons are members of First Baptist Church of El Paso, where she is education secretary and he, as a volunteer, is church librarian and active in various ministries.

Laity Abroad, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's channel for assisting people who are or will be living, working, studying or traveling abroad, gets high marks from the Andersons. Often, contact is arranged with missionaries or local believers in the host country.

Brochures detailing Laity Abroad are available from the board.

A program like Laity Abroad helps both husband and wife learn about the culture from missionaries and local Christians.

The Laity Abroad program also helps families find Christian friends and a good church to attend, as well as avenues of Christian witness in their host country, she says.

People need to have their "house in order" before accepting overseas assignments, he says. They should prepare for "pressures regarding their Christian walk that they haven't experienced in the United States."

"They ought to go with their minds made up in advance," he says, "to use this opportunity as if God has sent them there for purposes of ministry . . . in spite of the opportunities to do otherwise."

Toalston writes for FMB.

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### Center of Hope brings solace to victims of volcanic mud

IBAGUE, Colombia (BP) — From their new Center of Hope here, Baptists in Colombia are seeking to meet continuing spiritual and physical needs of refugees from the volcanic eruption that destroyed the western Colombian city of Armero in November.

The ministries and concern they already have shown have resulted in contacts and opportunities for witness that at least one Southern Baptist missionary calls unprecedented.

Baptists opened the center as a base from which to offer continuing ministry to survivors of the disaster, which claimed an estimated 24,000 lives. Through the center Baptists are providing various kinds of occupational therapy and practical training to help restore the refugees to self-sufficiency. As part of evangelistic outreach, Bible study is held at the center each Thursday night.

In Lerida, a town only a few miles south of where Armero stood, two homes have been opened for Baptist worship services as a result of Baptist assistance to a family, reports missionary associate Bob Caperton. He and his wife, Joan, temporarily have been reassigned to Ibague from Barranquilla to assist with the center.

"About 20 attended the first service and 30 were in another in a neighbor's home," says Caperton. Most of the rebuilding for Armero survivors apparently will be in Lerida.

Baptist work in Guayabal, a town a few miles north of the old Armero site, "is very promising," Caperton. More than 200 people attended an

open-air worship service conducted by Baptists in mid-February at the place where a number of refugees temporarily have been housed, he reports.

Seven patients released from the Ibague hospital for the afternoon were among refugees and others attending an informal opening and reception at the Center of Hope in early February.

Two days before the center's opening reception, more than 20 people responded to an invitation to accept Christ as Savior after a religious film was shown at the center. The 75 people attending included not only refugees but also residents from the neighborhood where the center has been established in a rented house.

Missionary ministry to patients at Federico Lleras Hospital in Ibague opened the way to distribute Bibles to patients and staff, Mary Nell Giles reports, adding, Baptists gave out hundreds of Bibles at the hospital and at refugee centers in the period following the disaster.

In her 27 years as a missionary in Colombia, she says, "I don't think I've ever seen the Lord open doors for us like he has since this time of Armero."

Baptists have been asked by local leaders to set up a rehabilitation center for amputees at the Ibague hospital. Caperton and Rafael Blanco, Colombian Baptist home missionary assigned to the Center of Hope, represented Baptists at a mid-February meeting of Red Cross, government, and civic leaders to seek ways to get help more directly to survivors.

Many of the estimated 60 to 80 victims who lost limbs as a result of the volcano disaster are expected to receive artificial replacements provided by Baptists. The Colombia Mission, organization of Southern Baptist missionaries, will make available the prosthetic devices as patients are ready for fitting at hospitals in Ibague or Bogota, the capital.

A number of the artificial limbs will come from a supply valued at about \$6,000 and assembled over a period of several years by Jerrell Ballard, a prosthetic specialist who was a missionary associate in Colombia for 10 years.

The request for Baptists to assist at the Ibague hospital "means we will need a prosthetist to come from time to time and give technical assistance," says James Giles, who is disaster relief coordinator for the Baptist mission.

Contact between missionaries and disaster victims has involved the missionaries personally, says Mary Nell Giles, who helped to reunite some family members among survivors in the confusion following the eruption. "We're so bonded together now, we're just like family," she says.

"They just can't give us hope," she says of the survivors nearly three months after the disaster. "They still all have hope that they're going to find all their family members living somewhere. This, of course, is what really breaks our heart — to see that they cannot bury them yet."

Leland Webb is editor of the FMB's Commission Magazine.



CHECKING OUT THE LEG — During the opening of Baptists' Center of Hope in Ibague, Colombia, missionary associate Joan Caperton of Alvin, Texas, demonstrates an artificial limb to Jose Arevalo. He lost his right leg in the volcanic mudslide that destroyed Armero, Colombia, in November. Many of the estimated 60 to 80 amputee victims of the disaster are expected to receive prosthetic devices provided by Southern Baptists. (BP) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo

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# Editorials..... by don mcgregor

## Lottery finally defeated

The concept of a state-run lottery in Mississippi went down to defeat last week for the third time at the hands of the Senate. The Senate has stood firm all along in opposition to a lottery, and those senators who have been instrumental in keeping a lottery out of consideration need to be told of the appreciation of their constituents.

We will run a list in this piece giving the voting record of all of the senators on the final vote last week on the issue.

The lottery proponents lost decisively. It would have taken a two-thirds vote. The pro-lottery forces fell far short of even a simple majority. The final vote was 21 for the lottery and 31 against it.

The word from the capitol is that the leading figure in opposing the lottery was Bill Harpole, a Baptist from Starkville. I talked with Sen. Harpole, and he told me that he had not heard from very many people who were opposed to the concept of a lottery. He seemed somewhat discouraged that this was the case. I told him that I definitely appreciated his stand, and I hope others will do the same. He was not the only Baptist who stood firm against the lottery, however; and all of them need to hear from an appreciative constituency. The lottery will be back. Some say it will not be back next year because it will be the first year after an election, but it will be back. The fact that Scientific Games, Inc., says it can guarantee a \$50 million income for the state over a five-year period after a three or four-year start up period indicates to what extent the company is prepared to go in order to get its products in use. Most projections indicate that the

company would be losing a great deal of money during the start up period. The company would not make such a promise unless it expected to have its investment returned several times over in the following years.

And because the lottery will be back, the members of the Legislature need to know now what we think of the idea of having a lottery in our state. In fact, when election time comes, it would be well to find out what each candidate thinks about a lottery. It was one of the dominant single issues during this legislative session, so it very well should be an issue about which candidates should be expected to state their positions.

The members of the Legislature may be contacted by writing them at P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

By phone the legislators may be contacted by calling 948-7321 and asking for which house is desired. Then a message may be left for the legislator to call back. Between sessions the legislator may be contacted at home.

It would be extremely worthwhile for every Mississippi Baptist to determine who his legislators are and how they may be contacted. I talked with my senator twice on the phone and wrote him a letter. He voted contrary to my interests but strongly indicated that he was thinking seriously of changing his mind for the future. It is not a bother for the legislators for us to be in contact with them. They need to know how we feel, and they want to know. As Sen. Harpole indicated, he was disappointed that he had not heard from more.

The list of senators, their religious

affiliations, and how they voted on the lottery last week is printed here.

Those voting for lottery were Douglas Anderson, Jackson, Baptist; Eddie Briggs, DeKalb, Methodist; Mitch Childre, Pearl, Methodist; Robert L. Crook, Ruleville, Episcopalian; Robert M. Dearing, Natchez, Presbyterian; Glen S. Dewese, Meridian, Baptist; Howard Dyer, Greenville, Presbyterian; Louis Wayne Fortenberry, Pascagoula, Episcopalian; Thomas A. Gollott, Biloxi, Catholic; Buddy Gresham, Greenville, Methodist; Ken Harper, Vicksburg, Episcopalian; Henry Kirksey, Jackson, Episcopal; Rick Lambert, Hattiesburg, Methodist; Malcolm H. Mabry, Dublin, Methodist; Con Maloney, Jackson, Catholic; Ollie Mohamed, Belzoni, Baptist; Bob Montgomery, Canton, Presbyterian; P. Nevin Sledge, Cleveland, Presbyterian; George P. Smith, Gulfport, Catholic; Gene Taylor, Bay St. Louis, Catholic; and John Robert White, Baldwin, Baptist.

Those voting against lottery were Hob Bryan, Amory, Baptist; Irb Benjamin, Rienzi, Baptist; Buddy Bond, Carthage, Baptist; Wayne Burkes, Clinton, Baptist; William W. Canon, Columbus, Methodist; Jay Disharoon, Port Gibson, Presbyterian; Jack Gordon, Okalona, Baptist; Walter A. Graham, New Albany, Baptist; George Guerieri, Southaven, Catholic; Steve Hale, Moss Point, Mormon; Bill Harpole, Starkville, Baptist; Alan Heflin, Forest, Catholic; Bunky Huggins, Greenwood, Methodist; John T. Keeton, Grenada, Baptist; V. C. Manning, Philadelphia, Baptist; Cecil Mills, Clara, Methodist; Bill Minor, Holly

## Show His Love....



## ...Cooperative Program Day

April 20, 1986

## Missionary News

David and Gloria Glaze, missionaries to Argentina, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Bolanos 141, 1407 Buenos Aires, Argentina). They consider Jackson, Miss., their hometown. She is the former Gloria Marler.

Roland and Linda Hodge, missionaries to Ecuador, have returned to the field (address: Apartado 188, Santo Domingo, Ecuador). He is a native of Magee, Miss. The former Linda Broxson, she was born in Pampa, Tex.

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## Guest opinion...

## Show his love

By James L. Austin

Jack Kling an intelligence agent in World War II, working in four languages, became quite an expert at digging up the unusual. He discovered that Christopher Columbus was not a lunatic as some have thought, nor a mercenary as others claim, but of all things, a missionary!

He discovered something that all the history books leave out... that Columbus was convicted of the momentary return of Jesus Christ. A large part of his trying to find the New World was so everyone in the world could hear the gospel.

One of the contemporaries of Columbus described him as "an apostle, an ambassador for God." Columbus even wrote a book, "The Book of Prophecies" in which he sets forth his conviction and call of God to discover the New World for the purpose of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On April 20, 1986, Southern Baptists will observe Cooperative Program Day, in celebration of their primary method of taking the gospel to the

ends of the earth.

The Great Commission assignment grows larger every day. With a population of over 4.5 billion persons on earth, Southern Baptists are being challenged to boldness in their mission thrust.

The whole world is the goal. While many are saying that the day of the missionary is over, Southern Baptists are intensifying efforts to send and support thousands of additional missionaries before the turn of the century.

Presently, approximately 7,500 Southern Baptist missionaries serve in 106 countries and all 50 states, putting the denomination ahead of projections for supporting 10,000 career missionaries by the year 2000.

As you participate in Cooperative Program Day, remember, you can be there as you give financial support and fervent prayer.

One of the greatest things about working in the kingdom of God is the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than you are able to be alone.

Such is your experience when you share yourself and your means with your church and, in turn, your church gives through the Cooperative Program. Financial support is a demonstration of your love for Christ and his mission on earth reaching others.

Through prayer support, you become partners with those who daily show his love through ministries around the globe. This is verified through a letter received from Karen Quimby, who, with her husband, serves in Spain. She writes: "As many of you know, Reggie's birthday is in October. This past year the October WMU periodicals featured him, among other missionaries, in their Missionary Prayer Calendar. As a result of that, he has received an avalanche of mail from G.A., R.A., Acteen, and Baptist Women groups assuring him of their prayer support. We have no doubts that the marvelous workings of God we have seen lately have been a direct result of those prayers. It has spoken to us anew of

the power of the intercessory prayers of God's saints. We thank each of you for your prayers for us and the missionary effort in Spain." There are fewer missionaries in the world than millionaires in the United States, but wherever there is a Southern Baptist missionary, God's love is seen.

Extensive suggestions for planning Cooperative Program Day can be found in a booklet—Lay Involvement in Cooperative Program Day. A copy of this booklet can be found in the March issue of the Brotherhood Builder, Dimension Magazine, and the Baptist Program. Additional copies may be ordered from most state stewardship offices. One might customize Cooperative Program Day for his church by selecting those activities that will help the church understand how it may show his love through mission support by bold mission giving and praying.

James L. Austin is vice-president of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission.



# BSU picks summer missionaries

A total of 64 Mississippi university and college students will be serving this year in student missions.

These 63 student summer missionaries (and one semester missionary) will be working all over the world — including seven foreign countries and at least 31 states. Some are assigned to state conventions that encompass several states.

The summer missionaries will be working ten weeks this coming sum-

mer in a variety of mission tasks, from inner city work, to resort missions, from Vacation Bible School leadership to correctional institution work; from preaching to music leadership, from nursing to construction work.

Each will be assigned to career home and foreign missionaries and will have travel and expenses paid by their fellow students who contribute to the student missions goal of \$80,000.

The semester missionary, Todd Prather of Mississippi College, will be working as youth minister in local European Baptist Convention churches. His term of service will be from May 30, 1986, to December 13, 1986.

This year's group of students are from 15 campuses. The campuses represented by the most student missionaries are Mississippi State and Mississippi College, with 16 and 13 respectively. (Photos on page 6).

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### Executive Committee elects student director

By Tim Nicholas

Don Gann, 25, a former president of the Mississippi State Baptist Student Union, was elected BSU director of East Central



Mississippi Junior College to replace Gladys Bryant who is retiring.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Executive Committee set Gann's starting date as July 1, following Miss Bryant's retirement on June 30.

Gann, a 1982 graduate of MSU, is a 1986 graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth with a master of divinity degree. He was youth director at First Church, Starkville, 1980-81 and was assistant director at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko, the summers of 1981-84. He is married to Melinda Downs Gann.

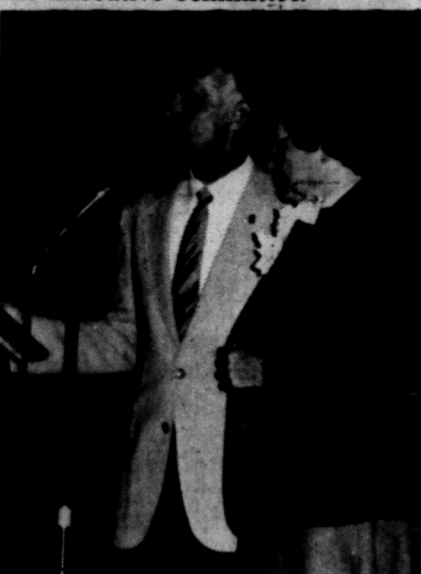
In other business, the Executive Committee voted a policy statement, lowered travel reimbursement for staff travel from 13 to 12 cents per mile to reflect lower gasoline prices, and authorized use of \$12,000 to aid the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission in publishing the "Biograph-

ical Directory of Mississippi Baptist Preachers."

The policy statement is "Employees are representatives of the Convention Board and are to conduct themselves at work and in their private lives in an exemplary manner." Earl Kelly explained later that such a statement "allows the Convention Board to deal in an orderly fashion with terminations should such be necessary."

The Executive Committee recommended to the Convention Board for its consideration a request from Mississippi College that the "College Board of Trustees be given authority to pledge as security for a two million dollar loan (in the form of tax-exempt bonds) the Mississippi College Law School facility," for renovation of that facility.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is the only body which may give such authority and the Trustees and the Education Commission should affirm their approval of the request also, said the Executive Committee.



Jerry Merriman, state BSU director, presents a "Citation of Excellence" to Gladys Bryant, who has served as a Mississippi BSU director for 35 years. "Miss B" will retire as East Central's BSU director on June 30.

The Committee also moved the time of the second Convention Board meeting of the year from the Tuesday following the fourth Sunday in November to the first Tuesday in December, and that of the Executive Committee meeting to 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday in December (just prior to the meeting of the Convention Board.)

In other business the Executive Committee approved . . .

. . . a request for \$500 to help the meeting of the Southeastern Baptist Religious Education Association which will meet in New Orleans in February of 1987 was granted.

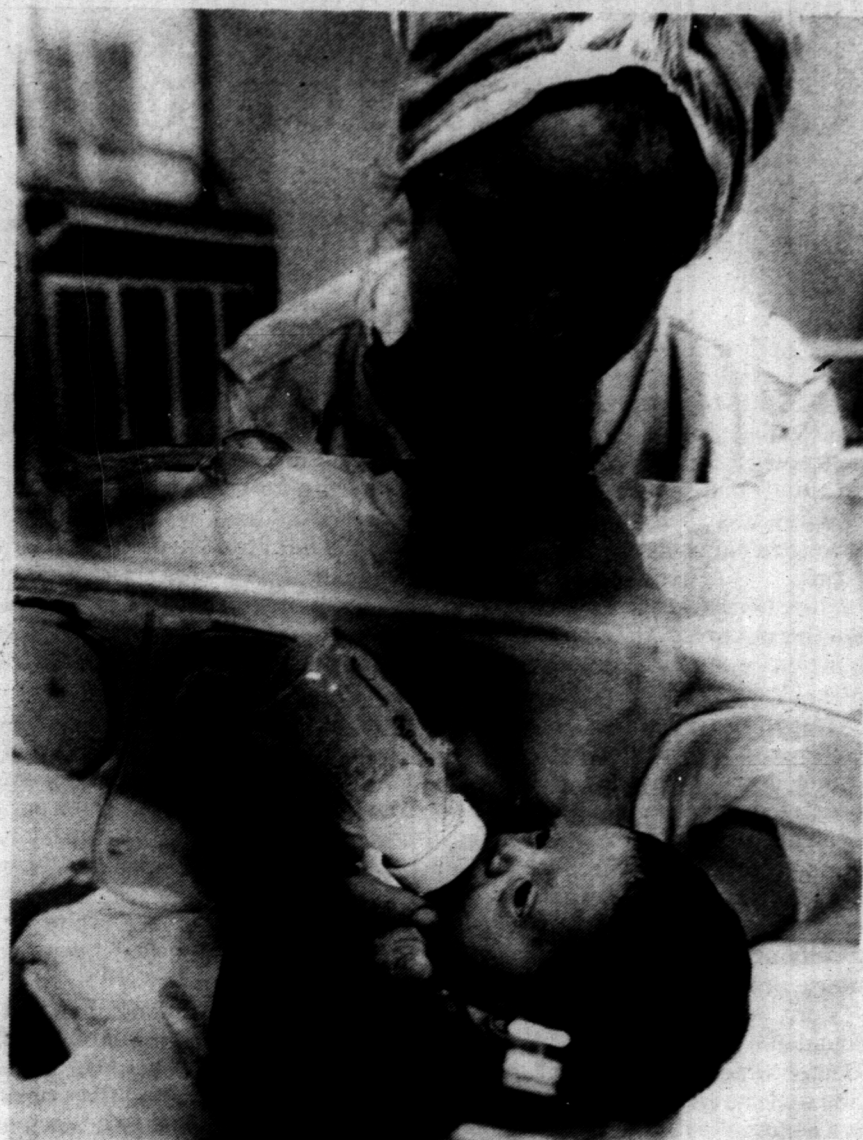
. . . a motion to replace J. D. Brown, who moved, with J. B. Rowe of Eupora on the Convention Board.

. . . a proposal to sell a five and a half acre tract in Jackson County on Highway 90 "because the area is not projected by the planning commission to develop residentially."

. . . several recommendations concerning Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

The Gulfshore recommendations included approval for a survey of the marina by Civil Engineering Associates, of Gulfport for \$3,000; purchase of an ice maker from Hub Refrigeration and Fixture Company of Hattiesburg for \$2,151.80; replacement of all the baseboard in the guest rooms by Barius Floor Covering Company of Biloxi for \$3,568; purchase of new mosquito fogging equipment for \$3,195 (repair of present equipment would cost \$1,349.16); repair of roofing at the recreational hall, McLemore Apartments and the house at 311 First Street (not covered by insurance) for \$2,620; and approval of a five year Redd Pest Control Contract for the outside campus buildings for \$1,776.78.

Earl Kelly also reported to the Committee that, based on 1986 Cooperative Program income for the first quarter of the year, he was asking convention board staffers to scale down 1987 budgets to 1986 levels.



#### A gentle touch

Southern Baptist nurse Rhonda Farrell gives food and a little tender, loving care to a newborn in the Mexican-American Hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico. (FMB) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo

### Slight improvement noted in child with meningitis

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Doctors have noted a slight improvement in Philip Newberry, Southern Baptist missionary child stricken with meningitis March 27, but his condition remains critical.

Circulation appears to be improving in his hands and feet, said Bill Damon, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's associate director for eastern South America. "His feet and legs had been purple up to his knees, one hand was purple and one hand was black," he said. "Now his parents say they are turning pink."

His fever, which reached 107 degrees early in his illness, is down and doctors have lowered the concentration of pure oxygen he's receiving through a respirator, Damon said.

Philip is the 21-month-old son of missionaries Randy and Jan

Newberry of Gordon, Texas. They were attending a furloughing missionary conference at the Foreign Mission Board's Missionary Learning Center outside of Richmond, Va., when Philip became ill.

Damon said his office has received calls from churches all over the United States, saying that they are praying for Philip. There were 67 missionaries and 31 missionary children at the conference who learned of Philip's illness before they left.

They carried the prayer concern to churches in cities where they are living during furlough. They also contacted fellow missionaries overseas to ask them and Baptist nationals to pray for Philip, Damon said.

The Newberrys were appointed missionaries to Brazil in 1982. They have two other children, Amy, 15, and Joel, 12.

### March gifts show rise

March gifts through the Cooperative Program in Mississippi totaled \$1,181,633, a 6.4 percent rise over gifts of March 1985, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The Convention Board channels the gifts from the nearly 2,000 participating churches in the state to the appropriate targets. More than a third of all gifts go directly to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee for distribution to home and

foreign missions and education causes throughout the world. The rest goes to in-state Baptist causes, including that of the three Baptist colleges, the Baptist Children's Village, and leader training work in the state.

The total Cooperative Program gifts for 1986 is \$4,453,886, which is 24.1 percent of the year's budget of \$18,550,00. On a pro rata basis, the Cooperative Program income is \$183,614 behind. However, total income for the first three months of 1986 is \$259,487 more than that of the same time in 1985, a 6.2 percent rise.

### Study Bible release set for June 1988

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The content of a new study Bible designed to interpret "great biblical doctrines" for laypeople, closed the planning stage and entered the writing stage as 25 writers headed for home from an orientation session here to put pen to paper.

The Disciple's Study Bible will be published in June 1988 by Holman Bible Publishers in cooperation with the Church Training Department, both of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.



# Concern for children permeates CLC seminar

By David Wilkinson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—While topics ranged from apartheid to pornography, a common concern for the spiritual and physical welfare of children and youth threaded its way through a national seminar on ethical issues.

More than 400 persons attended the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission conference on "Recovering Moral Values" held here March 17-19.

Tipper Gore, wife of Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee, explained it was concern for her children which prompted her to organize a protest against the obscene excesses of contemporary rock music. She offered numerous examples of explicit lyrics, concert photos, and album covers glorifying sexual violence, substance abuse and even Satan worship.

Gore, a Southern Baptist, helped found the Parents Music Resource Center which monitors rock music. She said she and her organization are not opposed to rock music per se but rather the "songs detailing explicit sex, violence, sado-masochism, incest, thrill-killing, rape, and pro-suicide lyrics and images."

While such songs are part of a "frightening trend fueled by a minority of powerful artists," Gore also expressed concern about "heavy metal" rock music filled with hatred and despair.

Parents should be concerned because the average teenager listens to rock music between three and six hours daily, she said. She urged parents to talk with their children about the music they listen to and the messages being communicated.

Family communication also was stressed by journalist Kenneth Wooden, who urged parents to "sit down on the rug" with their children and teach them about sex and how to avoid the various "lures" of child molesters.

Wooden, an investigative reporter for ABC's "20/20" and founder of the National Coalition on Children's Justice, spoke twice on the escalating problems of child molestation and how to prevent them. Drawing on hundreds of interviews with victims, their parents, and their victimizers, Wooden painted a picture of horror which he charged is closely linked to Satanism.

"Children are not being molested; they're being tortured," he said. "Molesters need to murder a child for sexual gratification. The only way they can become sexually aroused is to hear the screaming and yelling of little children. That is their centerfold."

Wooden described an international network of child molesters linked by a sophisticated computer system, newsletters, and other publications. The severity and pervasiveness of the problem demands "moral outrage," he said. "It really is wrong if we do nothing."

Wooden's presentations were followed by an address by psychiatrist Tom Anderson, a Baptist layman from Col-

umbia, Mo., who gave practical suggestions on what local churches can do about child abuse and neglect.

Concern for children also was evident in an address by the president of the Washington-based Children's Defense Fund. Marian Wright Edelman urged churches to join the fight against poverty, the "biggest single child killer in rich America 1986."

Edelman cited statistics that show one of five American children is poor. Two of three Hispanic children are poor and one of two black children is poor, she said, adding "Contrary to popular perception, particularly in the South, more than two of every three poor children are white. . . . Poverty is a problem that knows no racial lines."

Poverty, Edelman said, has contributed to the alarming problem of teenage pregnancies, noting a growing number of the 1.1 million teens who get pregnant each year are age 15 or under.

She recalled the tragic case of a pregnant 12-year-old. "This was not so shocking," she said. "The shocking part was that the grandmother in the case was only 24 years old."

Edelman urged parents and churches to educate children and youths about sex and to provide wholesome alternatives for their time and energy, saying, "The best contraceptives are hope, opportunity, strong moral values, and providing youth a sense of importance of family life."

Similar advice was given by Sarah Cannon, better known as Grand Ole Opry Star Minnie Pearl. In the seminar's opening address, the 73-year-old country music legend praised her "godly mother and father" for the moral values they taught and lived, assuring the audience that moral values instilled in children at an early age by their parents will not be forgotten.

The call to Christian moral values was sounded by other speakers at the seminar who addressed a variety of contemporary social issues.

Philadelphia pastor Leon Sullivan warned of worldwide social and political upheaval which he said threatens the very existence of democracy.

The author of the "Sullivan Principles," guidelines adopted by corporations regarding business practices in South Africa, called for aid to the world's developing nations to enable people to help themselves. "The church must gear itself to a new mission—food and skills for the hungry now, not milk and honey in heaven but some ham and eggs on earth," he insisted.

Sullivan said he is "one of a minority in the world that believes apartheid can end without war. . . . But time is running out. Somehow, through the help of God, there must be found a way to build a bridge between the white and the non-white population in South Africa before havoc overtakes that country and further spills out

over all of Africa and into the rest of the world."

The call for racial reconciliation was echoed by Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Recalling Martin Luther King's prediction of "dark and difficult days ahead" for the civil rights movement, Hooks told the audience, "from our viewpoint, the fight is far from over. If ever there was a time when we needed your help, it is now. I hope some of you will go back to your homes and see the fields are ripe unto harvest" for racial reconciliation, he said. "I believe we can do it best black and white together."

Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University professor of theological ethics, called on Christians to be active in the political process without falling into the trap of confusing democracy with Christianity. He said Christians must recognize their primary role is not to rule but to be faithful to Christ—a calling that will always keep them in the minority.

Hodding Carter III, former cabinet member under President Jimmy Carter and now a chief correspondent for the Public Broadcasting System, said American foreign policy must not resist the struggle for liberty in other parts of the world. "That creed which rallies others in country after country should not be rejected by its own creators," he said.

Southern Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt outlined the biblical foundations for moral values in a world seeking "authentic and not autocratic" moral leadership. Honeycutt pointed to evidence of "moral heresy" which he said has been created by an inadequate theological understanding of the Word of God.

Theologian Ron Sider called for consistency in Christians' understanding of "pro-life" issues such as abortion, hunger and the nuclear arms race. Being pro-life "means letting the Author of Life set our agenda," he said. "It means saying no to right-wing ideological agencies that make freedom and family and the crusade against abortion more important than justice and nuclear disarmament. It means saying no to left-wing ideological agendas that do the reverse."

Norman Cavender, a Georgia Baptist layman and farmer, urged fellow Southern Baptists who are calling for a recovery of moral values in the nation and in the denomination to begin by "looking within." Criticizing super-church pastors and television evangelists who peddle the gospel "like cans of dog food and bars of soap," Cavender appealed for Christian integrity.

"Let us be steadfastly aware that it is a form of immorality to oppose the evil outside and condone the evil within," he said.

David Wilkinson writes for the Christian Life Commission.



Shown from right to left: Dorothy P. Williams, Fred Tarpley, Anne Tarpley, Mary J. Jones, A. I. Jones, William P. Davis, and academic dean, Hickman M. Johnson.

## Seminary gives awards on 44th founders' day

Over 200 persons from across the state gathered at Farish Street Baptist Church, Jackson, pastored by Hickman M. Johnson, to observe the 44th Founder's Day Celebration of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. This event took place March 21.

W. T. Guice, trustee of the seminary, and W. P. Davis, president emeritus, gave personal glimpses of Herbert L. Lang, founder and first president of the seminary system.

Richard A. Brogan, president of the 25 extension system which trains ministers and lay persons, presented a challenge on church development.

Deans and teachers of the seminary were presented awards of recognition for services rendered to "The Great Adventure." The following were presented awards in the Jackson area: William P. Davis, president emeritus; A. I. Jones, instructor; Mary J. Jones, instructor; Anne L. Tarpley, instructor; Fred Tarpley, instructor; and Dorothy P. Williams, instructor.

Workshops were conducted during the afternoon session in the following

areas: (A) Deacons/trustees' ministry (B) Music in the black church (C) Pastoral leadership in the black church (D) Stewardship, budgets, and tithing (E) Sunday School organization/teacher training and (F) Volunteering in the black church.

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is a cooperative joint venture of National and Southern Baptists. It is owned and operated by trustees elected by the two denominations in Mississippi. Richard A. Brogan is president and Hickman M. Johnson is dean of academic affairs.

It's a good thing that people have intelligence and don't have to depend upon strength, because, compared to the average flea, man's muscles are made of pure flab. A heavyweight weightlifter, for example, can lift five times his own weight. A flea, we are told, can lift 150 times his own weight. In other words, if a 200 pound man had the strength of a flea, he'd be able to lift about 15 tons.

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# Southern Baptist Convention

## Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta

June 10-12

Theme: Love Never Fails

Scripture: I Cor. 13:8

### Tuesday Morning, June 10

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration, First Baptist Church Choir, Atlanta; John Glover, minister of music
- 9:00 Call to Order
- Congregational Singing, Paul McCommon, Atlanta, retired music secretary, Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia
- 9:05 Prayer, Ted Traylor, pastor, First Baptist Church, Henrietta, Texas
- 9:10 Registration Report and Constitution of Convention, Lee Porter, registration secretary; design editor, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:15 Committee on Order of Business, Fred H. Wolfe, chairman; pastor, Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.
- 9:20 Welcome, Frank Harris, Governor of Georgia
- 9:25 Response, John H. Allen, executive director, Alaska Baptist Convention, Anchorage
- 9:30 Prayer Time
- 9:40 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions and Tellers
- 9:45 Executive Committee Report (Part 1), Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer, Nashville
- 10:40 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 11:10 Congregational Singing, Paul McCommon
- 11:15 Music, First Baptist Church Choir, Atlanta; John Glover, director
- 11:20 President's Address, Charles F. Stanley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta
- 12:00 Benediction, Andy Stanley, minister of youth, First Baptist Church, Atlanta
- Singing As We Go

### Tuesday Afternoon, June 10

- 1:00 Evangelistic Singers, William J. Reynolds, convention music director; associate professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2:00 Congregational Singing, John Glover
- 2:05 Prayer, Roy Fish, professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth
- 2:10 Election of Officers (First)
- 2:20 Messenger Information Survey, Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary; manager, research services department, Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 2:30 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 2:40 Report of Nominations, Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committee, Lee Roberts Sr., chairman; mortgage banker, Marietta, Ga.
- 2:55 Prayer Time
- 3:05 Congregational Singing, John Glover
- 3:10 Executive Committee Report (Part 2), Harold C. Bennett
- 3:55 Congregational Singing, John Glover
- 4:00 Business
- Election of Officers (Second); Report of Nominations, Committee on Committees; Miscellaneous Business

- 5:00 Benediction, Sandy Sandlin, pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas
- Singing As We Go

### Tuesday Evening, June 10

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration, Florida Baptist Singing Men, Paul Bobbitt, director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing, William J. Reynolds
- 7:05 Prayer, William Rubley, sales manager, Mobile, Ala.
- 7:10 Report of the Peace Committee, Charles G. Fuller, chairman; pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
- 7:30 Election of Officers (Third)
- 7:45 Sunday School Board Report, Lloyd Elder, president, Nashville
- 8:15 Congregational Singing, William J. Reynolds
- 8:20 Home Mission Board Report, William G. Tanner, president, Atlanta
- 9:20 Benediction
- Singing As We Go

### Wednesday Morning, June 11

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration, Combined Adult Choirs, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Jim Whitmire, minister of music
- 9:00 Congregational Singing, Harry L. Cowan, minister of music, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, and 1985-86 president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference
- 9:05 Prayer, Freddie Gage, evangelist, Euless, Texas
- 9:10 Election of Officers (Fourth)
- 9:25 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Roy L. Honeycutt, president, Louisville, Ky.
- 9:35 Woman's Missionary Union Report, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, Ala.

- 9:45 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Russell H. Dilday Jr., president, Fort Worth
- 9:55 Historical Commission Report, Lynn E. May Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville
- 10:05 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Landrum P. Leavell II, president, New Orleans
- 10:15 Education Commission Report, Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville
- 10:25 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report
- 10:35 Brotherhood Commission Report, James H. Smith, president, Memphis
- 10:45 Prayer Time
- 10:55 Radio and Television Commission Report, Jimmy R. Allen, president, Fort Worth
- 11:05 Annuity Board Report, Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas
- 11:15 Business
- Election of Officers (Fifth); Committee on Resolutions (First Report); Miscellaneous Business
- 11:55 Congregational Singing, Harry L. Cowan
- 12:00 Music, Combined Adult Choirs, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
- Convention Sermon, Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
- 12:30 Benediction, Neal Jones, pastor, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.
- Singing As We Go

### No Afternoon Session

### Wednesday Evening, June 11

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration, Sons of Jubal and Jubalheirs, Georgia Baptist Ministers of Music; Warren C. Fields, director, Atlanta
- 7:00 Congregational Singing, William J. Reynolds
- 7:05 Prayer, Carl Garrett, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Overland Park, Kan.
- 7:10 Business
- Election of Convention Sermon Preacher and Alternate, and Music Director, 1987
- 7:40 Introduction of Local Arrangements Committee
- 7:45 Presentation of Past Presidents
- 7:50 Presentation of Newly Elected SBC Officers
- 7:55 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Harold C. Bennett
- 8:05 Planned Growth in Giving Report, Cecil Ray, national director, Georgetown, Texas
- 8:15 Congregational Singing, William J. Reynolds
- 8:20 Foreign Mission Board Report, R. Keith Parks, president, Richmond, Va.
- 9:20 Benediction, N.N. Antonson, pastor, Tyler Road Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan.
- Singing As We Go

### Thursday Morning, June 12

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration, Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Ga.; Hildegard Stanley, director
- 9:00 Congregational Singing, John Condra, Atlanta; minister of music, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church

(Continued on page 11)

## Intensive care



*Drugs are just as deadly  
as a loaded gun.  
Don't take chances  
with your life*

### What are some signs?

What are some of the signs of chemical dependency?

There are both emotional and physical signs. On the emotional side, all drugs, including alcohol, are either stimulating or depressing. In general, one would look for either of these two extremes. As for the physical signs, one might look for small or overly enlarged pupils or glazed eyes; a change in eating habits, particularly with loss of weight; a staggering gait;

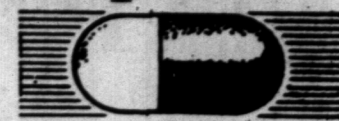
tremors, especially of the hands; and memory loss or other unusual behavior.

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Readers should feel free to submit questions concerning drug abuse, and they will be answered by a team of specialists who deal in drug abuse problems.

Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.—Editor.

## Capsules



### Chicago fire set

CHICAGO, Ill. (EP) — Chicago's historic Moody Church has been damaged by fire, which destroyed the church's pulpit, a grand piano, parts of a pipe organ, and the public address system. No one was injured during the fire. The fire was apparently set by an intruder who also ransacked two church offices. Damage was estimated at \$500,000.

### More ministers put on trial

LENINGRAD, USSR (EP) — Four more ministers of the unregistered Baptist church in Leningrad have been put on trial. On Jan. 29, sentences were pronounced against Vladimir Filippov, Stanislav Chudakov, Andrei Filippov, and Veniamin Yefremov.

### Lutheran balance is new goal

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — Balanced representation of clergy, laity, women, and minorities on its boards is a goal of the newly-forming Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Commission for a New Lutheran Church recently approved a 35-page report designed to guarantee fair distribution of board positions to members of various categories.

### Louisianan loses Christmas suit

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Louisiana man whose elaborate Christmas display brought down the wrath of neighbors who claimed it was a nuisance has lost the final round of a long legal battle against local authorities and state courts who agreed with the neighbors.

Alvin C. Copeland, who, beginning in 1978, set up various figures and scenes of the season — religious and secular — had asked the Supreme Court to overrule an earlier decision by Louisiana's highest tribunal that ordered the display disassembled and had the Metairie man jailed for contempt of court.

### Congressmen "hustled"

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — A federal judge has ruled that Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt may send copies of his pornographic magazine to Congress, even if they prefer not to receive it.

U.S. District Judge John Pratt had been asked to enforce a federal law which permits citizens to ask the postal service to halt mailings they find "erotically arousing or sexually provocative."

Pratt denied the request, writing, "While members of Congress may not share the views embodied in Hustler, the right to present unwelcome petitions is entitled to no less protection than the right to petition for causes long espoused by the majority."



# BSU picks missionaries

(Story on page 3)



DEBRA PRATT  
Ole Miss  
Alaska



CINDY WOOD  
Jones  
Alaska



MARTY WILLIAMS  
MSU  
Alaska



KEVIN HAND  
MC  
Malaysia



TODD PRATHER  
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FRANK PORTER  
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Germany



SARA SIMPSON  
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India



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Israel



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Philippines



RUSTY KEYES  
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Philippines



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Hinds  
Illinois



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ROBBIE MOORE  
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Kentucky



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Louisiana



SCOTT GREEN  
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Maryland/Delaware



RENEE NASH  
Carey  
Maryland/Delaware



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MINDY PARDUE  
Blue Mountain  
Northwest



TEMPLE STEWART  
Ole Miss  
Northwest



BECKY LOWREY  
Blue Mountain  
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Northwest



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MSU  
Northwest



ANNETTE ALMAND  
Ole Miss  
Pennsylvania/South Jersey



CAROL BATES  
Hinds  
Utah/Idaho



MARGIE WEEKS  
Blue Mountain  
West Virginia



ADRIAN FAIRCHILD  
MSU  
Virginia



# Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

## Few would have believed 40 homebound live at Chunky

Chunky Church set a goal of 40 for its new Homebound Department, begun last October. Few would have believed the goal would be met within the first week or two. But it was. Few would have believed that many homebound live in Chunky. But they do, and 40 is not all. Some others did not wish themselves enrolled in Chunky's Sunday School.

Early in 1985, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School Department set up a series of Whistlestops, to teach Mississippians how to begin homebound ministries.

Several from Chunky Church braved a rainy day to attend the Whistlestop at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian. They heard Ina Gordon, pastor's wife at Pleasant Grove, Laurel (Wayne Association), lead a conference, and felt inspired to go home and see how many homebound persons they could find.

These they sought to reach would be age 18 and up, the physically handicapped, and the aged adults and those who care for both groups, and those in nursing homes.

J. D. Davis, Sunday School director who has retired from his job with MP&L, said, "We called the state Sunday School Department and got instructions and literature, and then went by their definition of a Homebound department when we organized."

Twenty-three of the 40 they enrolled are in homes, and 17 in the Pine Forest Nursing Home, a Seventh Day Adventist institution. In the beginning, Davis and the Chunky pastor, Wayne Campbell, visited the nursing home to ask personnel if the church plans would be welcomed. They were told, "We would be glad for you to do anything that will help our patients fit into the life of the community."

Six workers were chosen for the Homebound Department, with Lois Smith as director. Others are Margaret McGee, Miriam Kastla, Neva Smith, Katherine Barber, Gladys Waters, Lynn Cavanaugh, and Mamie Alexander. Miriam Kastla's husband is chairman of deacons. Neva Smith, who moved to Chunky from Illinois, said her church in Illinois had a Homebound Department.

Four workers visit each Monday, in twos. Monday mornings they visit in homes, and Monday afternoons at 2:30 they go to the nursing home. They deliver tapes of Sunday School lessons and pastor's sermons from the previous Sunday morning.

Davis said he usually does the duplication of tapes on Sunday afternoons between 5:30 and 6:30. The church owns its own equipment to do this now, but for a while borrowed facilities of others.

The Monday morning visits mean a lot to Arthur McGee, who is homebound. He memorizes the tapes he receives every week. And Sam Usher sits out in the foyer of his home across from the church every Monday morn-

ing, waiting for the visitors' arrival. In some homes there may be a mother and daughter who are homebound; in others a husband and wife.

Monday afternoons, two or three Homebound workers visit the nursing home. They deliver Sunday School books quarterly, *Home Life* and *Mature Living* magazines monthly, and church bulletins weekly. They go into the rooms and invite all those who can to come by wheelchair or on foot to the meeting room. Then they play the tape of a Sunday School lesson. Only those are counted who actually come out to the meeting. (Everyone at the nursing home is invited, regardless of denomination.) Average attendance between October and March was 32, but Davis said a bout of flu had decreased attendance during February.

Sometimes the visitors take cookies to the nursing home; sometimes they take children along. They have found that the old people love that. And also they see that they need and are receptive to the visitors' love and attention.

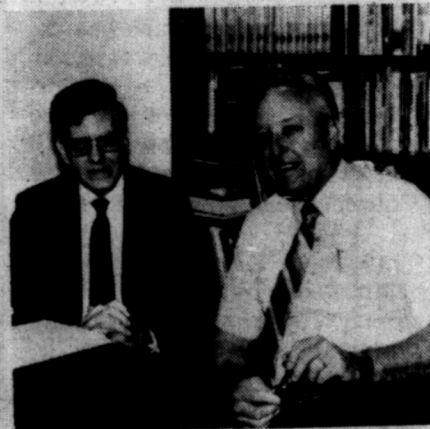
After the Sunday School lesson, they sing a while, with Mrs. Margaret McGee accompanying at the piano. "These visits depressed me in the beginning," Mrs. McGee said. "But these people grow on you!"

"Yes," agreed Mrs. Kastla, "As you get to know them, you start thinking of them during the week, and wondering how they are doing."

"We love them" added Neva Smith, "and we say to them, 'We love you.'"

The visiting teams have also found that their ministry has good side effects, in relation to families of the homebound. What they are doing also spills over into their lives. For instance, when there is a death in a family, they have a special opportunity to show friendship in different ways. Also they have a chance to invite other family members to church who may not have been coming before.

The Homebound Department has added new dimensions to the Chunky Sunday School.



Sermons of Wayne Campbell, Chunky pastor, left, are delivered to Homebound members on tape. J. D. Davis, Sunday School director at Chunky Church, right, duplicates the tapes on Sunday afternoons.



Chunky Church Homebound team delivers a sermon and Sunday School lesson on cassette tape to Mrs. Eva Tatum, 90. Left to right are Miriam Kastla, Margaret McGee, Mrs. Tatum, and Neva Smith. Mrs. Tatum, who lives with her daughter, Janie Idom, has been a member of Chunky Church most of her life. Recently she had been ill, but expected to return to Sunday School soon. Needlework fills much of her time at home.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved until all circumstances and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record.

### Blue Mountain ministerial alumni will meet April 18

Editor:

I am writing as the president of the Blue Mountain Ministerial Alumni Association. We would like to ask you to put an announcement in the paper. It would be greatly appreciated.

Our alumni association will be having its annual meeting at the campus of Blue Mountain College on April 18. It will be provided by the BMC Men's Choral Group. The speaker will be Guy Henderson. Dr. James Travis will bring the Alumni up to date on the work at the college regarding the men now attending. It will be a good time for all, and it will express our gratitude and solidarity with Blue Mountain College. All golfers are encouraged to bring their clubs and participate in the Golf Tournament.

Mike Burczynski  
Corinth

### Teleministry

Editor:

Upon my retirement in 1984 as business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson, seeking a new place of Christian service, I discovered CONTACT, Jackson's 24-hour crisis teleministry.

Over 100 volunteer telephone workers give freely of their time to this "Christian listening ministry," following their participation in 50 hours of intensive training. We come from all faiths, young and old, men and women, red and yellow, black and white. We share our commitment to love our neighbor as recorded in the

story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke.

In 1985, we answered 36,000 calls. Abused and neglected children, women who have been battered and raped, teenage suicides, abandoned and homeless individuals, and the elderly homebound are but a few of the many seeking compassionate assistance through calling our hotline. We are the only 24-hour resource in our community providing such a service.

Our "Good Samaritan" CONTACT volunteers do not actually feed, bandage, heal, or shelter the needy, but aid in the process of healing by listening and understanding. We help these callers find the best resources to help them, thereby assisting them to reach out for help available to them within the community.

Many of us fail to realize the critical and tragic needs existing in our midst. Most of us hear these things and do nothing. Our CONTACT volunteers do not say to those in need, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled and yet do not give them what is necessary for their body" (James 2:16).

We at CONTACT Teleministries earnestly covet your prayer support for this Christian service. We invite those who are seeking to find a place of Christian service in helping others to join with us and become a part of this. Write us at P. O. Box 5192, Jackson, MS 39216 or call us at (601) 982-8614.

A. L. Nelson  
Jackson

### Opposition to lottery

Editor:

The following is a resolution that was adopted at the March 26, 1986, regular monthly meeting of the deacon body at the Zion Hill Baptist Church, Route 1, Liberty, Mississippi. A Resolution Opposing The Proposed Lottery For The State Of Mississippi Whereas, the Deacon Body of the Zion Hill Baptist Church of Route 1, Liberty, Mississippi, in their March meeting, and having been made aware of the renewed efforts in the state of Mississippi for the legalization of a lottery.

## Trustees set record budget

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in their semi-annual meeting adopted a \$5,932,744 budget for 1986-87.

The new budget, a record, is a five percent increase over the current budget, Lolley said. A portion of the increase will be for faculty and staff salaries and for operation of the Ledford Student Center, scheduled to open this summer.

Basic funding of the seminary's budget will come from the gifts of the churches through the Cooperative Program, Lolley noted. The Cooperative Program gifts for 1986-87 will amount to \$3,948,000, or 67 percent of the total budget.

And Whereas, some of the proponents for the legalization of the lottery have indicated that only the preachers in the state are opposed to the lottery.

And Whereas, the Christian convictions of the Body of Deacons in their local church will not let them remain silent when elected men and women seek to legalize a form of gambling in the name of raising revenue for the state,

Be It Therefore Resolved that the Zion Hill Baptist Deacon Body is proud to stand with the preachers and all others in the state who opposes a lottery for the state, as well as all other forms of gambling, including horse racing.

Be It Further Resolved that we call upon our Senator and our Representative to vote NO, if that time ever comes, because we will be remembering how those votes were cast, when we are called upon in the future, to cast our votes in the voting booth.

James E. Coleman, Chairman of Deacon Body  
Audis Dawson, Secretary of Deacon Body

DEACONS  
D. M. Dixon, Jr. Willard McAllister  
James Fleming Jackie Stokes  
Earl Murray

Adopted on March 26, 1986, at the regular monthly meeting. All deacons were present, except Jackie Stokes.

Odus Jackson, pastor  
Zion Hill Church  
Liberty

### No rock in heaven

Editor:

I wrote this letter responding to Miss Pam Dalziel of Vicksburg. I despise rock and roll music. I don't believe God approves of it either. The lyrics support rebellion, drugs, and sex.

Will there be rock and roll music in heaven? I don't believe so. Good ol' gospel music blesses my heart. It uplifts Jesus, which lifts my spirits up. If I'm depressed or something, a good old gospel song lifts my spirits up. There won't be any country music up there either, thank goodness.

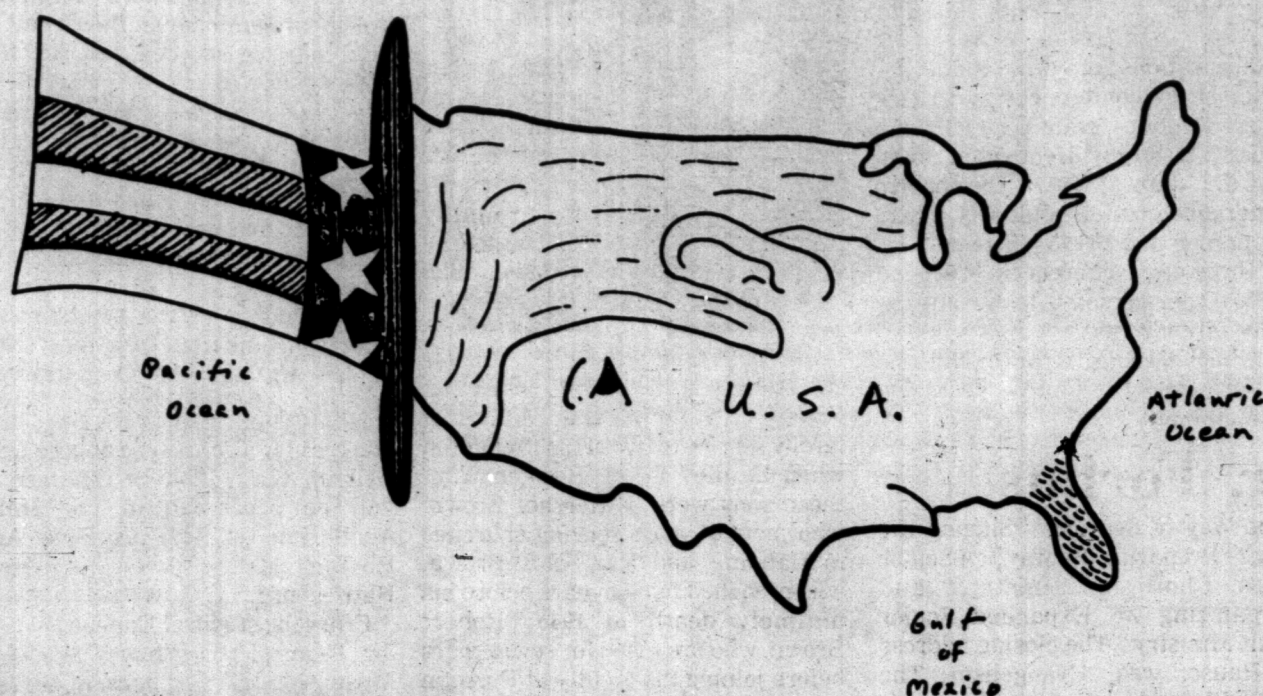
It'll be just praise for Jesus forever.  
Greg A. Mordecai  
Caledonia



# GEOGRAFUN: (for young readers)

## NATIONS AND IMAGINATIONS

By Ralph C. Peterson



### U.S. as UNCLE SAM

(Turn Map Sideways)  
Color his hat red, white, and blue

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Who has never looked up at the summer sky and seen familiar shapes in the billowing clouds above? This picture, and others to be printed later in the Baptist Record, are pictures for dreamers, similar to those "castles in the sky." However, these pictures are images that can be found in familiar maps from around the world.

For centuries school boys have noticed that the map of Italy resembles a boot. But how many have ever noticed

ed that the entire map of the European continent, when turned sideways, resembles a human figure whose leg is Italy?

Although these pictures are primarily for geography coloring fun for young readers, they can be enjoyed by dreamers of any age as a flight into a world of fantasy.

Ralph C. Peterson lives at 1200 S. Washington St., 627E, Alexandria, VA 22314.

## Children's Village names cottage for Crestwood

The trustees of Baptist Children's Village on March 11 passed a resolution to name a cottage on the India Nunnery campus Crestwood, in appreciation of those who were members of Crestwood Baptist Church, Jackson.

Paul Nunnery, executive director, Children's Village, has sent a copy of the resolution to Truett Smith, who was a member of the now disbanded Crestwood congregation.

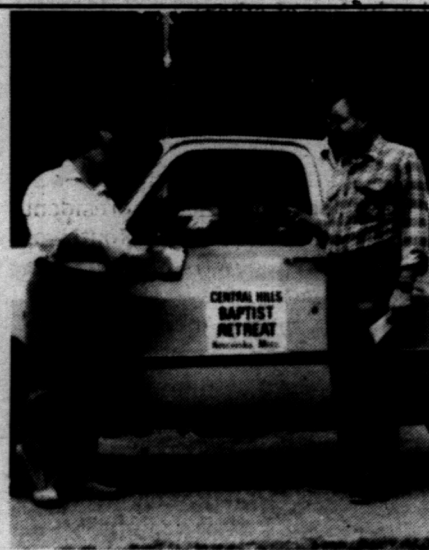
Crestwood voted before disbanding to give all of its money resources to the Village's general endowment fund, as a Crestwood Baptist Church Memorial Fund, and requested that something in the Village be named Crestwood. (The Hinds Baptist Center is using the church's building.)

From the date Crestwood was organized (as Davis Memorial Church), until Oct. 1, 1958, it served as church home for the staff and children of the Village.

Any who visit the Village in Jackson, according to Nunnery, will see Crestwood Cottage (#12) "as the first building on the right, after a left turn at the top of the hill past the swimming pool, being the first building south of Powell Chapel."

The resolution expresses gratitude for the moral and spiritual counsel, comfort, education, direction and training given by the Crestwood congregation to thousands of boys and girls and adults who made their homes at the Baptist Orphanage and its successor, the Baptist Children's Village. As a result, "hundreds were led to a saving faith, and the needs of children were met in a more genuinely spiritual atmosphere."

It expresses appreciation for the 41-year "cooperative ministry between the church and child care agency" and the "lasting, supportive, personal, and affectionate relationships between the two institutions."



## April 26: Crusader Day at Central Hills

James Kerr, of Greenville, RA director, Washington County Association, left, chats with Central Hills director, Dan West of Kosciusko, about the Crusader Day to be held April 26 for the north Mississippi associations. At Central Hills, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Kerr is contacting RA Chapters in the northern associations, encouraging them to have boys and leaders attend.

Crusader Day will provide opportunities for boys, grades 1-6, to gather for fellowship, fun, and mission education, Kerr said. "They will have the opportunity to meet other RAs from over the state and an opportunity of personal contact with missionaries. Boys can take a walking tour of the camp if they arrive before 9:30 a.m." The afternoon will include field events, music, and a devotional time.

## Smith, Nichols will lead DiscipleYouth Conference

DiscipleYouth trains youth in the disciplines necessary for effective Christian living. A DiscipleYouth Conference will be held at the West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo, May 12-13. Jointly sponsored by the Evangelism and Church Training departments, the DiscipleYouth Conference will be a two day intensive, experiential survey of materials and process.

Linda Smith, First, Canton, will be one of the conference leaders. She said, "DiscipleYouth gives young people the tools to lead others to Christ, tools for doctrinal study, tools for ministry, and in general tools necessary to grow as Christians."

"DiscipleYouth is a practical effective

tool that informs and encourages youth to be active in the discipline of following Jesus," said Robin Nichols, consultant, Church Training department. Nichols also will be a conference leader. Participants must choose either DiscipleYouth I (\$30.00) or DiscipleYouth II (\$40.00).

The conference will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 12, and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13. Registration fees should be sent to the Church Training department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Repatee is like a fly swatter. By the time you come up with it, the opportunity has flown. — Franklin P. Jones

## Christian Home Week extended to month-long emphasis

Christian Home Week, traditionally observed in Southern Baptist churches following Mother's Day in May, has been extended to an emphasis for one month, concluding on Father's Day (May 11-June 15), according to J. Clark Hensley, family ministry consultant, Church Training department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is the first year this observance has been extended on the denominational calendar. Pastors have suggestions for the full observance in the Family Ministry Planbook received in April of 1985.

The theme for 1986 is "Discipleship

in the Home." "Already some churches such as Sylvaena in Copiah Association, Donnie Payne, pastor, are moving into the study of the featured book by that title," Hensley stated.

The associational family ministry director in each association has been mailed a guide book on "How to Plan for Discipleship in the Home Emphasis."

"It is not too late to plan nor too early to begin," said Hensley. Materials may be ordered from Materials Service catalog, Baptist Sunday School Board.

## Forest Hill Mission dedicated—thanks to labor of volunteers

Dedication services for the Forest Hill Mission building were held Monday night, March 17. (The mission is on the Baldwyn-Ripley road.) Larry Fields, pastor, Harrisburg, Tupelo, delivered the dedication message.

Ingram Church, Baldwyn, has acted as sponsor of the mission. Wallace Pannell, Ingram pastor, said, "The Lord laid it on my heart to start a mission here. In 1979 the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board bought the land for \$8,500 and furnished a double-wide trailer chapel to get started."

Plans to build began in 1984. It was decided that for \$10,500 they could frame the building, block it, and put a roof on.

Gifts started coming in. One individual gave baptistry and heater; some put the roof on; others gave concrete for a porch. Some did the wiring; one furnished sheetrock. One man gave an air conditioner and all the duct work. Gifts of money came in. Churches and individuals bought pews.

Members of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, volunteered to help with the carpentry. These and some of the Ingram members provided a lot of the labor.

At the time of dedication, only \$3,000 was owed on the building, according to Pannell. The building, which seats around 210, was designed by Dennis Meek of Baldwyn, who was head carpenter of the work.

Forest Hill Mission now has about

60 members, with 40 in Sunday School and 50 each week in preaching services. Bill Tate is the pastor.

"We have \$2,000 more coming in to go on the foundation of an education building," said Pannell.

If the pyramids had been built under today's planning procedures, can you imagine the paper work? — (Los Angeles Times Syndicate)

## Mississippi Baptist activities

- Apr. 14 State Bible Drills; FBC, Biloxi/Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; 3:00-4:30 p.m. (CT)
- Apr. 15 State Bible Drills; FBC, Meridian/FBC, Brookhaven/FBC, Holly Springs; 3:00-4:30 p.m. (CT)
- Apr. 17 State Bible Drills; FBC, Batesville/FBC, Hattiesburg; 3:00-4:30 p.m. (CT)
- Apr. 18 State Bible Drills; FBC, Greenwood/FBC, Starkville; 3:00-4:30 p.m. (CT)
- Apr. 19 State Bible Drills; FBC, Clinton/Colonial Hgts. BC, Jackson; 1:30-3:00 p.m. (CT)

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# Senior Adult Corner

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## Senior adult conferences set for May

By J. Clark Hensley

Chester Swor, dean of senior adults in Mississippi, will be featured the first Senior Adult Conference at Gulfshore May 12-16, 1986; and James Richardson, pastor of First Church, of Madison, will be the preacher for the two mini-conferences, May 22-24.

The Heavenly Sunlight Singers of Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson will present the musical, "Meet and Eat (There IS Something More)," on Tuesday night, May 20. This musical was written by Irene Martin of

Harperville and Ann B. Colbert of Forest and was tremendously well received by 850 guests at the premiere at Parkway Church on March 25. The musical carries a good message and is lively and entertaining as well as inspirational.

Another feature of the two mini retreats will be the special conference led again by the prominent Waynesboro physician, W. W. Walley, on "Senior Adults Maintaining Good Health."

Reservations may be made for either of the conferences by writing Frank Simmons, manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571. The uniform conference cost of Adult I is \$109.25 per person and \$59.75 per person for the three day conferences. A deposit of \$30.00 per person is to accompany registration request.

J. Clark Hensley is family life consultant for the Church Training Department.

Samuel M. Brown has for 50 years served Baptist churches in Mississippi and Alabama. On April 27, 1986, he will retire at First Baptist, Townley, Ala., where he has been for 12 years.



Brown

Brown's fifty years of active ministry contribute to a family record that now includes 240 years of preaching the gospel. His father, Joseph R. Brown, began this tradition by preaching for 68 years, mainly in rural Cullman County, Ala. He left the tradition of family service to five of his 10 children when he died at 89. Besides Sam, those sons were J. Hershel Brown, who spent 64 years serving churches in Alabama, and Ohio; W. E. Brown, who preached for six years before his untimely death in 1940; Robert Brown, who preached for seven years before joining the faculty at Furman University and entering private business; and J. C. Brown, who has served churches in South Carolina, Oklahoma, and Mississippi for 45 years.

Samuel M. Brown began his service in Mississippi in 1950 when he became pastor at Ackerman. In 1956, he moved to First Church, Bruce, and stayed until 1964. During his 15 years in Mississippi, he was moderator of Choctaw and Calhoun Associations; member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and field worker in missions and stewardship.

He received degrees from Howard

College (now Samford Univ.) and Southern Seminary. He and his wife, the former Jean Hays, have three children, and three grandchildren.

Brown said he hopes to serve as a supply minister, Bible study instructor, interim pastor, or leading stewardship conferences. He may be contacted at 2425 Amanda Lane, Leeds, Alabama 35094.

## McCall to give vocal recital

Ronnie L. McCall, baritone, will present a vocal recital on Sunday, April 20, at 2 p.m. in partial fulfillment of the requirements leading to a Master of Church Music degree from William Carey College. The recital will be presented in the Smith Auditorium of Thomas Fine Arts Building on the Carey campus in Hattiesburg.

From the studio of Eugene Winters Jr., Dean of the Winters School of Music, McCall will present a combination of operatic and sacred vocal works. He will be accompanied by Carolyn Mason. The public is invited to the recital and the reception to follow.

A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and Southwest Junior College, McCall is a native of McComb. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton McCall of McComb. He and his wife, Mittlelee, a native of New Augusta, are currently residents of Covington County.

McCall has served as minister of music in several churches in south Mississippi.

## Greenville meet features Hauser, Forbus

"Walking in the Way" was the theme for the Senior Adult Conference held at First Church, Greenville, Feb. 6-7. Conference leaders were Roger Hauser and Rick Forbus, staff members at Calvary Temple, Savannah, Ga.

Hauser, minister of adults and family at Calvary, ministers to approximately 900 senior adults through the

many facets of his program.

Forbus, a native of Greenville who serves as minister of music at Calvary, has written two musicals for senior adults and has arranged several hymn medleys for use with his choir.

Hauser gave the keynote address based on the theme "Walking in the Way." Conferences titles included

"The Way of Service," "Singing the Way," "Preparing the Way," "A Senior Adult Choir in Ministry," and "Organizing an Expanded Senior Adult Ministry." The closing address by Hauser was "Evangelism: The Way of Life."

120 senior adults attended the banquet and approximately half that number took part in the conferences on Friday.

Gene Henderson is pastor of the Greenville church and Kenneth Forbus is minister to senior adults.

The writings of the wise are the only riches our posterity cannot squander. — Landor.

A man may be judged by the opinion he has of others.

## Names in the News

Ed F. Patton, a Mississippian, will succeed Robert B. Isner, as president of Oak Hill Academy, Mouth of Wilson, Va., in May. Patton has worked at the school in various capacities since 1967 and currently serves as the principal.



Patton

Patton, born in Lee County, is the son of Mrs. Jewell Patton of Memphis, and the late William Hollis Patton. He attended public schools in Baldwin.

The academy is one of the seven educational institutions affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and is its only co-educational, boarding high school for grades 9-12. The school is 107 years old and enrolls 175 students.

J. Steve Jackson, pastor of Flora Church, recently taught a two-night conference to churches in Sharkey-Issaquena Association. The conference, "Training Sunday School Workers in Evangelism," was held at First Church, Rolling Fork, and was attended by 35 participants from five churches in the area. "Training Sunday School Workers in Evangelism" is a new course offered by Southern Baptists that combine lecture and learning activities to demonstrate general witnessing skills and to show how the Sunday School can be used as an outreach tool. Jackson also taught the course to area churches of Hinds-

Madison Association in February and at First Church, Winona, to churches in the Carroll-Montgomery Association on April 7-8.

David Grant is interim pastor of the North Sea Baptist Church in Norway. He and his wife, Lukie, are from Jackson. Grant recently retired from the pastorate of Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Grady Simmons, 75, father of Frank G. Simmons Jr., manager of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, died April 4 at the Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. The elder Simmons, a retired grocer and farmer, is survived also by his wife, Frances Cain Simmons of Kosciusko; three daughters, Mrs. Sarah Hillman and Mrs. Lucy Rushing, both of Clinton; and Mrs. Jane Rawdon of Germantown, Tenn., nine grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

Simmons was a member of First Church, Kosciusko, a former deacon, former Attala County school board member, and former Kosciusko school trustee.

The family is establishing a memorial fund through First Church, Kosciusko, for a scholarship at Mississippi College.

## Homecomings

New Hope (Okubbeha): April 20; Hugh Long will bring the message at 11 a.m. with a covered dish lunch immediately following.

## Tanner says statistics indicate SBC not racist

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP) — Statistics compiled by a Methodist weekly newspaper have shattered the stereotype image of the Southern Baptist Convention as a racist denomination, the president of the SBC's Home Mission Board said in a report to the agency's directors.

William G. Tanner, president of the board, said the data indicate the Southern Baptist Convention is now the most ethnically diverse Protestant-Evangelical denomination in the United States.

Tanner said research — compiled by the National Christian Reporter, the world's largest weekly religious newspaper with a circulation of 550,000 published in 450 editions — documents a belief he and other mission leaders have had for a long time but could not support with solid statistical data.

The statistics revealed that American and Southern Baptists now have more ethnic members than United Methodists, who have claimed for decades to be the most ethnically inclusive denomination.

Since 1974, ethnic membership in Southern Baptist churches has increased by 70 percent, making it the fastest-growing denomination in ethnic membership growth, the data indicated.

Based on 1984 data, Southern Baptists reported 590,000 ethnic church members, slightly behind the 610,000 ethnic members in the American Baptist churches.

At the present rate of ethnic membership growth, SBC ethnic

membership will exceed that of American Baptist churches sometimes this year, Tanner told the board.

The Southern Baptist Convention has work with 84 language and ethnic groups. In the last 10 years, the SBC has started 3,271 language units (churches or missions) and 400 black Baptist congregations, Tanner said.

"We ought to be excited about what God has been doing in our midst in the past decade; but we need to be careful that we don't become smug and proud. We have not eliminated racial prejudice and racism from our midst. We've made amazing progress, but we still sometimes have a paternalistic attitude toward language missions sponsored by predominantly white churches."

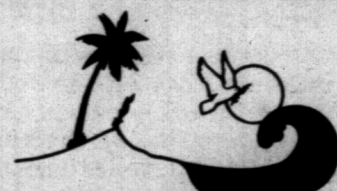
The SBC has not done well at hiring ethnic leaders for key positions in the denomination and accepting them as equal partners and leaders, Tanner added, saying, "Indeed, we should be most concerned that there are so few black and ethnic presidents of state conventions, members of our boards of trustees, and staff members of state conventions and SBC agencies."

"We may be doing better than most other denominations in reaching ethnic America and in starting new churches among black and language groups, but the challenge is so great," Tanner said. "There are more than 46.3 million ethnics in America, and if our data is correct, almost 28.8 million of them do not have a saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Jim Newton writes for the HMB.

Benjamin Franklin, whose shrewdness was spread over a variety of talents once said, "The way to convince another is to state your case moderately and accurately. Then scratch your head, or shake it a little and say that is the way it seems to you, but of course you may be

mistaken about it; which causes your listener to receive what you have to say, and as like as not turn about and try to convince you of it, since you are in doubt. But if you go at him in a tone of positiveness and arrogance, you only make an opponent of him!"



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It was the season before the splendor,  
one moment lest winter surrender.  
West Texas was a desert wind blowing and tossing the sand  
in grains and settling it on my window sill.  
It sifted onto my groping hand  
and spilled inside. Coyotes howled in a band  
like sound torn from far-wandering moonlight.  
Mesquite trees grew wide and low and gnarled, wind-snarled.  
There was a cow grazing around a pumping well,  
a pump dipping serenely for oil, and the cow did not fail  
to give down her milk.

The many aspects of Texas are reflected in life.  
If you waver or cripple to handle strife,  
look up to God and pray.

Time wasted is our enemy,  
but while there is life there is time  
to find harmony.

I don't remember the season or day  
when I saw the bluebonnets all colored sun-bright,  
their petals floating in waves of delight,  
a great field of heart-rending glorious flowers;  
but it was the beginning of Life, not the end,  
though I dared not look down to the bountiful soil  
where the bluebonnets grew  
over people who no longer live,  
all the people I knew.

—Violet Tackett, McComb

## Homing

My latest race is nearly run  
Twilight is slowly closing in  
My face is turned toward the sun,  
And things of earth are growing dim.

No more rugged hills to climb  
Nor darksome trails to chill my bones

I know that when I round the bend,  
I'll see the light of home.

Sing out, my heart, rejoice, my soul,  
Make haste, my feet, keep up the pace  
Nail scarred hands will welcome me —  
Ah, at last, my Savior, face to face.

— Mamie W. Lenaz, Gulfport

## Devotional

### Tongues tell a tale

By M. Dean Register

We are familiar with the childhood rhyme which says, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." Unfortunately, the rhyme does not tell the whole truth. Sticks and stones may indeed break our bones, but words can grind the bones to powder.



Words carry a potential for eternal good or for hideous evil. One kind word can soothe a hurt that medicine cannot heal. A proper word, appropriately spoken can lift a burden, renew a friendship, or challenge a discouraged struggler to keep his dream alive. A tenderly expressed sentence can communicate the love needed to mend a broken life. However, one thoughtless statement can kindle a fire of malice capable of burning and scarring a brother or sister forever. One slanderous rumor can ruin in seconds a lifetime of dedication and devotion. One wagging tongue can spew a venomous report of falsehood that once injected is more deadly than a hundred rattlesnakes.

Words, words, words! they are vehicles of expression, cargoes of communication. Words are internal symbols externally verbalized to convey a message.

The Bible makes some striking statements concerning the use of the tongue in the expression of words. Ecclesiastes 5:2 warns us not to be hasty with words. A scribe for King David wrote, "I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue" (Psm. 39:1). James 3:5 reminds us that the tongue is a small part of the body, but it boasts great power. Jesus said, "Every careless word men shall speak, they shall give an account of it in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12:36).

It's sound policy to remember to place our heart in the right gear before we let out the clutch of our tongue.

M. Dean Register is pastor, First, Gulfport.

## Students take break in Washington

Fifteen William Carey College Baptist Student Union members traveled to Washington, D.C., during their spring break March 7-16 to minister at the Anna Johanning Baptist Center in southeast Washington.

The students were involved in ministry to pre-school daycare students, and an after-school program

for older students. The BSU students conducted skits and assisted in classrooms.

The group was housed at the Baptist Center, where they also did maintenance and repair work on the building.

Steve Smith is the BSU director at the college.

## Associations adopt plan

Associations that have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan of 1988 in addition to those reported in the January 9 issue of the Baptist Record.

Jackson, Mississippi, and Monroe.

## Johnston station goes over goals

Johnston Station Church, Summit, reached a Lottie Moon Christmas offering of \$1,054 and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering of \$1,252. Bob Davis is pastor.

Douglas Hogg has accepted the call as pastor of McAdams Church, Attala Association. He and his family are moving from Pine Grove Church, Magee. He is a graduate of William Carey College with a master of divinity. Hogg, his wife, Shawneen, and their two children will move on the field April 14, and he will preach his first sermon as pastor on April 27.

Mount Carmel Church in Edinburg, Leake County, has called Kim Wolverton as pastor. Wolverton is a graduate of Ole Miss, and New Orleans Seminary with a master of divinity degree, and also has graduate work at Oxford University in England. He served as associate pastor for two and one-half years at Vieux Carre Church, French Quarters in New Orleans.

Wolverton is the son of Jack and Shirley Wolverton of Carthage. His new address is Rt. 8 - Box 87-B, Carthage, Miss. 39051.

J. Wayne Morrow has resigned the pastorate of New Prospect Church, Lafayette Association, to accept the pastorate of New Prospect Church, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Dennis McKay, former pastor of Seminary Church, Seminary, has accepted the call to Immanuel Church, Greenwood. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Midwestern Seminary, in Kansas City, Mo. He and his wife, Sue, have two sons. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. McKay of Sidon.

Wayside Church, Scobey, recently called Tony Moore of Coffeerville as music director. Moore is a 1986 graduate of Coffeerville High School. Among some of his honors are Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Academic All American.

Pine Grove, Yalobusha County, has called John Gray as pastor.



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1:00	Prime Timers			Cisco Kid			Super Handyman
1:30	The Sunday Selection			Psychiatry and You			Sportsight
2:00				COPE			Jimmy Houston
2:30							Our World
3:00	In Touch			Encore Theatre			Imagine That
3:30							Shari Lewis Show
4:00	Joy of Music						Mickey Rooney
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**Algoma (Pontotoc):** April 13-18; services, 7:30 each night; Billy Foley, pastor, Macedonia, Union County, evangelist; Eddie Wilhite, Shiloh, Corinth, music; James Travis, pastor.

**Fairview (Itawamba):** April 13-16; 7 nightly; George Myers, pastor; Pleasant Hill, Columbus, speaker; Ron Jones, minister of music, Riverhill, Fulton, music director; Gene O'Brian, pastor.

**Forest Hill, Jackson:** April 20-23; Sunday morning, 10:50 and 7 nightly; covered-dish luncheon and Bible study, weekdays, 11:45; Herschel Hobbs, Oklahoma City, pastor emeritus, First, writes weekly "Adult Life and Work" Sunday school lessons, author of 111 books, and past president of SBC, evangelist; Gene Rester, Jackson, delights young and old with his music and his wooden puppet, "Eddie," music evangelist; Wilbur M. Irwin, pastor.

**Calhoun, Hot Coffee (Covington):** April 11-13; Fri., Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Darreyl Duggar, family therapist and minister, New Orleans, La., evangelist; Bob Rogers, pastor.

**Port Gibson, (Union):** April 13-18; Ed Onley, director of Christian social ministries, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta, evangelist; David and Marilyn Easley, Wesson Church, Wesson, music; the Easleys are former ministers of music at Port Gibson; Clayton Bath, pastor.

**Pelahatchie, Pelahatchie:** April 13-18; services, 7:30 each evening; Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 a.m.; Malcolm Richard, pastor, Emmanuel, Baton

Rouge, evangelist; Home Mission Board recognized his former pastorate at West St. Charles near New Orleans as the sixth fastest growing church in the SBC with an average of 80 baptisms per year; Tim Pierce, minister of music; music; Barry C. Corbett, pastor.

**Cedar View, Olive Branch:** April 20-25; 7 p.m. Timothy Ball, Duncan, Okla., pastor, 31 years, preaching, 35 years, graduate of Southwestern Seminary; Herbert G. Stewart, pastor.

**Shiloh (Alcorn):** April 20-23; regular times, Sunday, old-fashioned day, dinner on the ground; 7 each night; Dwight Massengill interim pastor, evangelist.

**First, Columbus:** April 20-25; Rick Lance, First, Tuscaloosa, evangelist; Wilson Henderson, minister of music, First, Columbus, music; Joe McKeever, pastor.

**Raymond, Raymond:** April 20-25; Fuller B. Saunders, former pastor of Woodland Hills, Jackson, evangelist; Bob Shuttleworth, minister of music, Raymond, music; Susan Robinson, Raymond, organist; Sam B. Mason, pastor.

**Mt. Zion (Lowndes):** April 20-25; services, 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m.; George Aultman, pastor, Immanuel, Hattiesburg, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, Jr., full-time music evangelist, Hattiesburg, music; David Perry, pastor; David Watson, minister of music.

**Crestview, Petal:** Apr. 13-18; Sun., 11 a.m.; daily, 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Sam Jones, Destraham, La., evangelist; Cecil Hathorne, pastor, Beacon, Hattiesburg, music; C. Raymond Parkin, pastor.

**McAdams (Attala):** April 20-25; Fred Robinson, pastor, Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg, evangelist; mor-

ning services, 10:30; evening services, 7; Luther Boggan, Holmes Junior College professor music; Jesse McMillan, interim pastor.

**Holmesville Church, McComb:** Apr. 11-13; Sun. at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m.; Jimmy Robinson, B'ham, Ala., evangelist; Bill Herman, Terry Creek, McComb, leading the singing; Buddy Puryear, pastor.

**Mineral Wells, Mineral Wells:** Apr. 20-27; Sunday evening thru Sunday morning; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; evening worship, 6 p.m.; Mon.-Sat., 7 p.m.; J. Paul Palmer, Memphis, evangelist; Jim Laseter, Memphis, music; J. E. Williams, pastor.



**Harmony Church, Pontotoc,** recently received a set of Christian and American flags. The flags were presented by Louis McGee, right, of the Ecru lodge and donated by The Woodmen of the World Insurance Co. Earl Farley, left, is pastor of Harmony Church.

## Just for the Record



**Johnston Station Church, Summit,** has recently organized a new Brotherhood. Pictured, left to right, kneeling are Harrell McClelland, T. G. Cobb, Carl Hughes. Standing are Hershel Tidwell, E. J. Bryant, Neal Smith, B. D. Stinson, Bob Davis, pastor, Henry Stockton Jr., Earl Crocket, Ken Smith and Ted Price. Not pictured are Glen Byrd and William Davis.

McClelland, Bryant and Tidwell plan to join the Pike County California Mission with Glen Williams along with possibly others from this church.

# Southern Baptist Convention

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- 9:05 Prayer, Norman A. Wiggins, president, Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C.
- 9:10 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report, W. Randall Lolley, president, Wake Forest, N.C.
- 9:20 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report, James M. Dunn, executive director, Washington
- 9:30 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Milton Ferguson, president, Kansas City, Mo.
- 9:40 Southern Baptist Foundation Report, Hollis E. Johnson III, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
- 9:50 Congregational Singing, John Condra
- 9:55 Stewardship Commission Report, A. R. Fagan, president, Nashville
- 10:05 Christian Life Commission Report, Foy Valentine, executive director, Nashville
- 10:15 Prayer Time
- 10:20 Baptist World Alliance Report, Gerhard Claas, general secretary, McLean, Va.
- 10:30 Report of Southern Baptist Convention Canada Planning Group, William G. Tanner
- 10:40 Business

Resolutions Committee (Final Report)

- 12:30 Benediction, Sam Cathey, evangelist, Oklahoma City
- Singing As We Go

### Thursday Afternoon, June 12

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration, Jack Price, music evangelist, Garland, Texas
- 2:25 Congregational Singing, Jack Price
- 2:30 Prayer, Dwight Reighard, pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ga.
- 2:35 Introduction of Fraternal Representatives
- 2:40 American Bible Society Report
- 2:50 American Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Arthur L. Walker, Jr.

- 3:00 Prayer Time
- 3:10 Committee on Denominational Calendar Report, Fred Powell, chairman, senior associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta
- 3:20 Denominational Press Report, Wilmer C. Fields, vice president for public relations, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville
- 3:30 Business
- 4:30 Benediction, Richard Lee, pastor, Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, Ga.
- Singing As We Go
- Convention Officers**
- Charles Stanley, president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta
- W. Winfred Moore, first, vice president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas
- Henry Huff, second vice president; attorney, Louisville, Ky.
- Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary; manager, research services department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
- Lee Porter, registration secretary; design editor, Sunday school department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
- Harold C. Bennett, treasurer; president, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
- Wilmer C. Fields, press representative; vice president for public relations, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
- William J. Reynolds, music director; associate professor of music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- Committee On Order Of Business**
- Fred H. Wolfe, chairman; pastor, Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.
- Morris H. Chapman, vice chairman; pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas
- Stan Coffey, pastor, San Jacinto Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas
- Reed Larson, organization executive, Annandale, Va.
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# Baptist Record

- Bible Book: *The rebuilding of the temple*
- Uniform: *A hope worth guarding*
- Life and Work: *Growing in Christ*

## Rebuilding the temple

By Billy McKay  
Ezra 4:1-6:22

**Introduction.** The life of a devout Old Testament Jew centered around the temple. The temple was the only appointed place of worship for the devout Old Testament believer. The temple was a place of sacrifice and worship and was located on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem. The temple site was purchased by David under the leadership of God (cf. I Chron. 21:18-22:1).

If believers could not worship God in Jerusalem at the appointed times, they would worship in the direction of Jerusalem, according to the teaching of I Kings 8:29-30, 46-48. The psalmist (cf. Psalms 5:7), Daniel (cf. Dan. 6:10), and Jonah (cf. Jonah 2:4) all complied with this biblical command.

The future Christ was to make a

perfect sacrifice for sin on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem. It was the same mountain range that the temple was located on where our Lord was crucified. Through the death of Jesus, sin was atoned for and through his work as High Priest we have continual access into the presence of God (cf. John 14:6; Heb. 10:12). The temple then pictured the gospel and the saving work of Jesus. The rebuilding of the temple was significant then as it set forth an accurate prophetic picture of the person and work of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

The problem in Ezra's time in establishing God's work through temple worship are the same in principle today. The application is as follows:

I. We often encounter resistance in doing God's work (4:1-5, 6-23). Ezra 4 contains the first discordant note in

the book. The principle is that when things are going good for the believer in the work of God watch out for problems. We note that these problems were from without. Later in Ezra there will be internal problems.

The Samaritans were Jews who mixed with Gentiles after the captivity of the northern 10 tribes. They wanted to help rebuild the temple. The offer was refused. Why? The key reason is found in the word "adversaries" in 4:1. 4:3 illustrates the power of negative thinking! This was a time when it was in order (cf. 2 Cor. 6:17-18). Note the three ways the adversaries of God disrupt the work of God. A. They seek to spoil the work of God (4:2-3). They wanted to become allies but in doing so they would have watered down true worship and mixed idolatrous practices with the worship of Jehovah (4:3). B. They seek to suppress the work of God (4:4-5). They instituted a program of

harassment against Israel to discourage them and to make them afraid. C. They seek to stop the work of God (4:6-23). They hired lawyers ("counsellors") to stop the work through legal channels. These lawyers succeeded temporarily in this (4:24).

II. We must endure resistance in doing God's work (4:24-5:2). The book of Haggai brings out that when the work on the temple was stopped the people turned to building their own homes (cf. Hag. 1:2-4). According to Ezra 5:1 God raised up the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to encourage the people to endure the resistance and get their priorities in the right place (cf. James 1:2-4). Instead of the problem being the Samaritans, the Jews became the problem. How often are we guilty of the same sin?

III. We can enact renewal in doing God's work (6:14-22). Darius the king found the decree of Cyrus and granted permission to resume the rebuilding

of the temple (6:1-14). He even made the "adversaries" (4:1) give their tax money to help finance it and animals for the sacrifices (6:8-10). He also warned them of punishment if further resistance were made (6:11-12).

The renewal was externalized in two ways. A. By the restoration and dedication of the temple (6:15-18). B. By the restoration of the feasts of the Passover and Unleavened Bread (6:19-22). The temple spoke of access to God. The Passover and Unleavened Bread ordinances spoke of Christ as the means of our access to God (cf. I Cor. 5:6-8).

**Conclusion.** We notice in Ezra 6:17 that all of the 12 tribes of Israel were represented in the rebuilding and rededication of the temple. This illustrates that salvation is for all, and all believers are to be involved in doing the work of God in establishing a Christian witness in the world.

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## A hope worth guarding

By Gus Merritt  
Jude 1-4, 17-25

Jude began his letter as though he were writing to them concerning doctrines of the faith, suddenly he was "constrained" or of "necessity" (meaning of the word "needful" in verse 3) began writing concerning their need to "contend" for the faith. The word translated "contend" means to "strive." It is a word from which we get our word "agonize." Their striving was to be to the point of agonizing, as an athlete agonizes to win the event. The reason for the exhortation to strive for the faith is that some had come into the church who were not Christians. Possibly these were gnostic, really unbelievers disguised as believers. However, not only gnostics could have been in view here. Actually, they were ungodly men who were up to no good for the church.

These ungodly people had "crept in unawares" (v. 4). The words translated "crept in unawares" literally means "came in through a side door." They slipped in unnoticed by the true believers. Several years ago, an older teenager was given a job as an usher in a movie theater. One night he opened the side door or emergency door of the theater to let some of his friends come in without paying. This illustrates the entrance of the apostates into the church. That which gave them away was their beliefs concerning God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The real test of any person coming into the church is their understanding of the person of Jesus Christ and his mission.

In order to strive for the faith, each believer must be well indoctrinated according to the teaching of the Bible concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. One

of the most disturbing statistics is the number of Baptists who are seduced into joining the cults. The main reason for this is either they have not accepted Christ as the Lord and Savior or their lack of understanding of the teachings of the Bible. Those who are ignorant of the biblical teachings are easily deceived by the half-truths and scriptures quoted out of context presented by the cult messengers.

Jude continued his warning concerning those who had infiltrated the church in verses 17-19. Jude reminded the readers that the apostles of Jesus had already given warning concerning the mockers. Mockers were those who made a mockery of the truth of the gospel and the person of Jesus Christ. Notice Jude's description of these mockers.

First, they walk (order their behavior) after their own ungodly lusts. The word "lust" denotes they were satisfying the desires of their own wills devoid of the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The broader term

"lust of the flesh" means to satisfy the God given appetites of the flesh in an ungodly manner.

Secondly, these separated themselves. Literally, they drew a line in the church and caused division. Satan seeks to "divide and conquer," while the Holy Spirit unifies. Division is always brought on by the devil. Third, these were sensual. The word translated "sensual" is the word translated "soul." In the context, it means they followed their own natural desires in contrast to the Spirit. Therefore, having not the Spirit.

In order for the true believer to avoid being led astray by these mockers and also being able to help those who have been led astray, Jude gave the following instructions (vs. 20-21). First, the believer is to build upon the foundation already laid. Increasing our knowledge of our "holy faith" (holy as to source). Secondly, praying in the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Prayer apart from the Holy

Spirit's leadership is ineffective. Third, "keeping yourselves in the love of God." The sphere of the love of God shields us against rash judgements concerning others and causes us to look to God always for leadership.

An alternate translation of verse 22 may be, "bring to a confession and conviction of sin." The main emphasis in verses 22 and 23 is upon the reclamation of those who have gone astray. We are not to just "write off" those who have been led aside by the false teachers. We are to reach them with fear of being ourselves contaminated by their sins (v. 23).

Jude reminds us that we cannot persevere without God's help (v. 24). God will keep us. The word "falling" means "stumbling." It was used of a sure-footed horse in classical Greek literature. Verse 25 is a doxology of praise to God. True worship is praise to God.

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## Growing in Christ

By Peter McLeod  
Colossians 2:6-17

Kierkegaard, the Danish theologian-philosopher, defined the Christian experience in these terms: "It is the profound humiliation of man, the boundless love of God and the endless striving born of gratitude." In evangelical churches we have done rather well emphasizing "the profound humiliation of man and the boundless love of God" but we have been rather weak in emphasizing "the endless striving born of gratitude." The end result is that our churches are filled with members who have aged physically but have never grown spiritually. They may be adult in years, but they are immature in the life of the spirit.

There is the man "fiftyish" and "babyish" who has never gone beyond the "Now I lay me down to sleep" stage in his spiritual life. His prayers, when he prays, are a boring repetition of his wants and needs. He is an adult physically, but he is a child spiritually. Then there is the woman who has

been "brought up" in the church. Religion has been the main course in her life's diet for years. Yet she is peevish, vindictive, and critical. Religion for her has not been an avenue to a fuller, richer life, but an emotional straightjacket that has left her pinched, narrow, and restricted. She has never grown spiritually, she has just aged religiously.

There is the young couple, alert, modern, contemporary, who would never think of being behind the times in cars they drive, the clothes they wear, or the apartment they live in. They read the best-selling books and subscribe to all the "in" magazines. Yet they are still at the kindergarten stage spiritually in their understanding of God, Christ, and the church. The list could go on and on but the point is that in every church there are many members, confessed Christians, whose faith has been nothing more than "an initial spasm followed by chronic inertia." They have failed to understand that although God calls us "Just as we are" that his spirit work-

ing in us will not allow us to remain "Just as we are." Rather he pulls us to a growing experience of life and faith.

Paul in our study passage expressed concern for the Colossian Christians, that they grow in their understanding and experience in Christ.

First Paul is concerned that they grow in their understanding of their experience in Christ. (vs. 6-10). I remember hearing about an elderly man in a small rural church who prayed the same prayer every Wednesday evening in prayer service. He was always first to pray, and he said "Thank you God for saving me in that small, country church," and then he would go on to describe the time and place. A young Christian, with an exciting faith in Christ, listened to this elderly man for months praying the same prayer. Then one Wednesday evening when the old man finished his prayer and sat down the young Christian jumped to his feet and prayed "Dear God, bring our brother out of that small, country church and bring him up to date!"

The old man, like so many Christians, used this conversion experience

as a hitchingpost instead of a guidepost. Conversion is good and necessary but it is only the starting point in a lifelong process of growth in Christ. A beautiful, gospel song expresses this truth lucidly; "There is more, so much more than that first sweet day."

The believers at Colossae, like believers today, needed to keep their spirits sensitive and their minds open to a growing experience in Christ.

Second, Paul is concerned that they grow in the expression of their experience in Christ (vs 11-17).

Both Paul and Jesus understood that the old wineskins of Jewish legalism could not contain the new effervescent wine of the gospel. The old had to be discarded and new wineskins created. But that was easier said than done. For the history of the church from the day of Pentecost in Acts 2: to our present day is a record of the spirit of God struggling with believers to help them understand and live in the freedom of a faith that is not legalistic but grace oriented (vs. 16-17).

Martin Luther, that brilliant monk, came to that realization when he shattered the decaying structures of

medieval Catholicism and ushered in the Reformation with the clarion call "that the just shall live by faith."

A mature faith is a strong faith.

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